

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes. Mr. President, several reasons. Number one, the resolution deals with Indians. Retrocession deals with Indians. We are dealing with Indians. So it is a broad subject. Number two, if you will read the resolution it specifically recites, it deals with rights, privileges, historical problems, all those things. Number three, you've ruled against me on germaneness on almost every issue, and you promised me one time I would get a ruling that it was germane when I was...

PRESIDENT: I didn't even promise you a rose garden, Senator.

SENATOR DECAMP: It is germane, it really is.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I also think the subject matter of the resolution is broad enough to encompass this. But looking at the rule itself and not even getting into what Senator DeCamp and others may have talked about the germaneness rule deals with bills before us. It says that there is wording about changing...the amendment to be germane must relate to the details or something of the bill under consideration. So it is clear that that germaneness rule in the portion of the book dealing with bills relates to bills before us. We do have a specific area of the rule book that deals with resolutions. There is nothing in that provision, relative to resolutions, that pertains to what Senator Hoagland has called germaneness. Now if we are talking about a resolution that seeks to amend the Constitution, that resolution is handled as a bill. So any rules relative to bills would pertain, in a general way, to the resolution. But for a resolution of this kind the germaneness rule does not even apply because it is not a bill. And nothing in the rules related to resolutions pertains to germaneness at all.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goll, do you wish to make a point on this?

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. Speaker, no, I wanted to speak to the resolution not the germaneness.

PRESIDENT: Very well. The Chair is ready to rule. The Chair rules that the resolution as introduced pertains to a